

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Burroughs Shangri-La (CH: 572)
8910 Hawthorne Road
Charles County, Maryland

The property at 8910 Hawthorne Road is currently known as Burroughs Shangri-La. Constructed circa 1901, the house was originally owned by George and Mary Coombs, who purchased the parcel of land in 1895. The property was a portion of the larger May Day tract. According to the owner, a fireplace brick is incised with the date 1901. Located near the town of La Plata and the Baltimore and Potomac rail line, the house reflects the late 19th and early 20th century growth and development patterns in Charles County.

This one-and-a-half-story house is a vernacular interpretation of the Craftsman style, utilizing the new and popular building material of concrete blocks. Set on a parged concrete foundation, the horizontal massing is emphasized on the three-bay wide façade. It is constructed of rock-faced concrete blocks with panel-faced concrete blocks used to define the stringcourses and quoins. The windows have slightly projecting concrete lug lintels and sills. Dormers with hipped roofs rise from the asphalt shingle, side gable roof and the four interior chimneys are stuccoed with recessed shafts.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH:572

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name Burroughs Shangri-La

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2. Location

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street & number 8910 Hawthorne Road not for publication _____

city or town La Plata vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD

county Charles County code 17 zip code 20646

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Parged Concrete
Roof Side Gable: Asphalt Shingle
Walls Masonry: Panel-faced and Rock-faced
Concrete Block
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1901-1949

Significant Dates c. 1901

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

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Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

Simpson, Pamela H. *Cheap, Quick, and Easy: Imitative Architectural Materials, 1870-1930*. Knoxville, TN: the University of Tennessee Press, 1999.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 2.641 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 8910 Hawthorne Road is designated as Parcel 31, Grid 18 as indicated on Map 32.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 8910 Hawthorne Road has historically been associated with Parcel 31 since its construction circa 1901.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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name Everett B. and Ardess Burroughs, Jr.
street & number 8910 Hawthorne Road telephone _____
city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646-3161

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The property at 8910 Hawthorne Road is currently known as Burroughs Shangri-La. The level grassy lot is adorned with scattered mature trees and bushes. Constructed at the beginning of the 20th century, this one-and-a-half-story house is a vernacular interpretation of the Craftsman style. Set on a parged concrete foundation, the horizontal massing is emphasized on the three-bay wide façade. It is constructed of rock-faced concrete blocks with panel-faced concrete blocks used to define the stringcourses and quoins. The windows have slightly projecting concrete lug lintels and sills. Dormers with hipped roofs rise from the asphalt shingle, side gable roof and the four interior chimneys are stuccoed with recessed shafts.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade or south elevation of the house is three bays wide. The one-story porch was enclosed with wood weatherboard siding and 1/1 aluminum windows. Behind the porch, there are two 2/2 windows and two panel-and-light entries, one of which is a single leaf door and the other which is double leaf. The projecting box bay contains a triple window and is topped by a hipped roof porch at the half story. A single leaf door leads to the one-story, one-bay porch, which has stuccoed posts. The two hipped roof dormers contain paired diamond-paned casement windows. The dormers and the upper story porch are clad in diamond-shaped asbestos shingles.

The panel-faced stringcourses and quoins are pronounced on the east elevation. Three 2/2 windows pierce the first story and a paired 1/1 aluminum window pierces the half story. The gable end, like the dormers, is clad in diamond-shaped asbestos shingles. The wide, enclosed eaves are pronounced here and supported by decorative wood brackets. On this elevation, there is a one-story, one-bay concrete block addition with a shed roof and a single leaf door.

The rear or north elevation contains four 2/2 windows. The hipped roof dormer is clad in diamond-shaped asbestos shingles and contains a paired one-light casement window. The concrete block shed roof addition features a paired 2/2 horizontal sash window with a rowlock brick sill.

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with a rowlock brick sill.

A single leaf panel-and-light door is centered along the west elevation. Shallow concrete steps lead to the entryway that is flanked by 2/2 windows. The gable end, like that of the east elevation, is clad in diamond-shaped asbestos shingles and contains a paired 1/1 aluminum window.

SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

There are two outbuildings to the north of the house. The barn, dating to the first quarter of the 20th century, is two-stories in height and three bays in width. It is clad in vertical board wood siding and is covered by a corrugated metal, side gable roof. Surrounding three sides of the barn is a one-story, shed roof addition with a standing seam metal roof and exposed rafter tails. The one-story, two-bay carport was constructed in the 1940s. The front gable, asphalt shingle roof is supported by wood posts and the gable ends are clad in wood weatherboard.

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Constructed circa 1901, the house was originally owned by George and Mary Coombs, who purchased the parcel of land in 1895. The property was a portion of the larger May Day tract. According to the owner, a fireplace brick is incised with the date 1901. The dwelling is a vernacular interpretation of the Craftsman style, utilizing the new and popular building material of concrete blocks. Located near the town of La Plata and the Baltimore and Potomac rail line, the house reflects the late 19th and early 20th century growth and development patterns in Charles County.

Identifying features of the Craftsman style are low-pitched hipped roofs with broad, overhanging boxed eaves, horizontal massing, and masonry walls. Patented in 1900, rock-faced concrete block used to construct the dwelling instantly became one of the leading building materials in the United States. The concrete blocks were a cheap, quick, and easy alternative to more traditional materials, with a block costing between thirteen and twenty cents to make in 1910. Advertisers also pointed out that it was fireproof, required no paint, and needed little care. Notwithstanding all these advantages, one of the most important reasons for the popularity of concrete block was its ornamental possibilities. Any number of wreaths, scrolls, or cobblestone faces could be produced in concrete block.¹ A combination of changes in both taste and technology in the 1930s led the industry to shift production to the more utilitarian and less decorative plainface block.²

¹ Pamela H. Simpson, *Cheap, Quick, and Easy: Imitative Architectural Materials, 1870-1930*. (Knoxville, TN: the University of Tennessee, 1999), p. 23.

² Simpson, p. 27.

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Following the Civil War, southern Maryland adjusted to shifts in economic activity and population centers. The end of slavery meant an overall reduction in farm size and greater diversification of agricultural products. Railroads made the greatest impact upon community development in this period, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns in southern Maryland grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. Some stations, however, like La Plata, developed into new communities. The town's first dwelling and store were erected in 1872 by local landowner Robert Chapman. La Plata averaged 150 hogshead of tobacco shipped per day during the railroad's first year. Groceries, fertilizer, hardware and agricultural implements were imported and focused trade at the new town. A cannery opened in 1883 and a gristmill began operations in 1888. The town was incorporated the same year. In 1887, La Plata contained 120 residents, two churches, five stores, a blacksmith's shop, a millinery shop, a dressmaker's shop, a shoe shop, and one hotel, in addition to the gristmill. After the county courthouse in Port Tobacco burned in 1892, La Plata was made the seat of Charles County's government in 1895. At the beginning of the 20th century, road improvements also contributed to the growth of the region. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development along the corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development to the west side of La Plata and contributed to the county seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 8910 Hawthorne Road is eligible under Criterion C. It does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). The building provides a vernacular example of the Craftsman style and is unusual for its environs. Although it does not represent the work of a master, the house is distinguished from the common rural dwellings in the region (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended X Not Recommended

Comments:

Example of Craftsman influence, unusual in rural
Charles County - Criterion C.

Review, OPS: [Signature] Date: 11/12/99

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 12/20/00

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

December 31, 1895: L. Allison Wilmer to George Coombs
Land Records of Charles County
Parcel 1
Liber JST 8 Folio 25

January 21, 1913: George and Mary Coombs to George E. Hamilton
Land Records of Charles County
Parcel 1
Liber HCC 25 Folio 239

October 15, 1910: George W. Coombs to R. Edelen Hamilton
Land Records of Charles County
Parcel 2
Liber HCC 22 Folio 329

February 26, 1914: R. Edelen and Grace M. Hamilton to George E.
Hamilton
Land Records of Charles County
Parcel 2
Liber HCC 26 Folio

December 12, 1916: George E. and Emma Q. Hamilton to Robert S. and
Minnie E. Garner
Land Records of Charles County
Parcels 1 and 2
Liber CP 30 Folio 637

March 31, 1927: Robert E. and Minnie E. Garner to F. Bernard
and E. Ida Gwynn
Land Records of Charles County
Liber WMA 46 Folio 667

October 1, 1943: F. Bernard and Ida E. Gwynn to Everett B. and
Georgia Burroughs
Land Records of Charles County
Liber TBM 79 Folio 184

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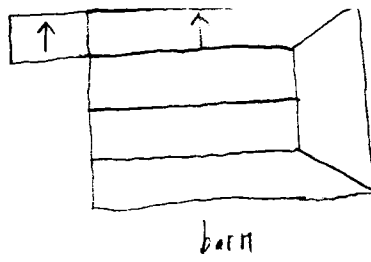
February 29, 1944: Everett B. and Georgia Burroughs, Sr. to
Everett B. and Theresa F. Burroughs, Jr.
Land Records of Charles County
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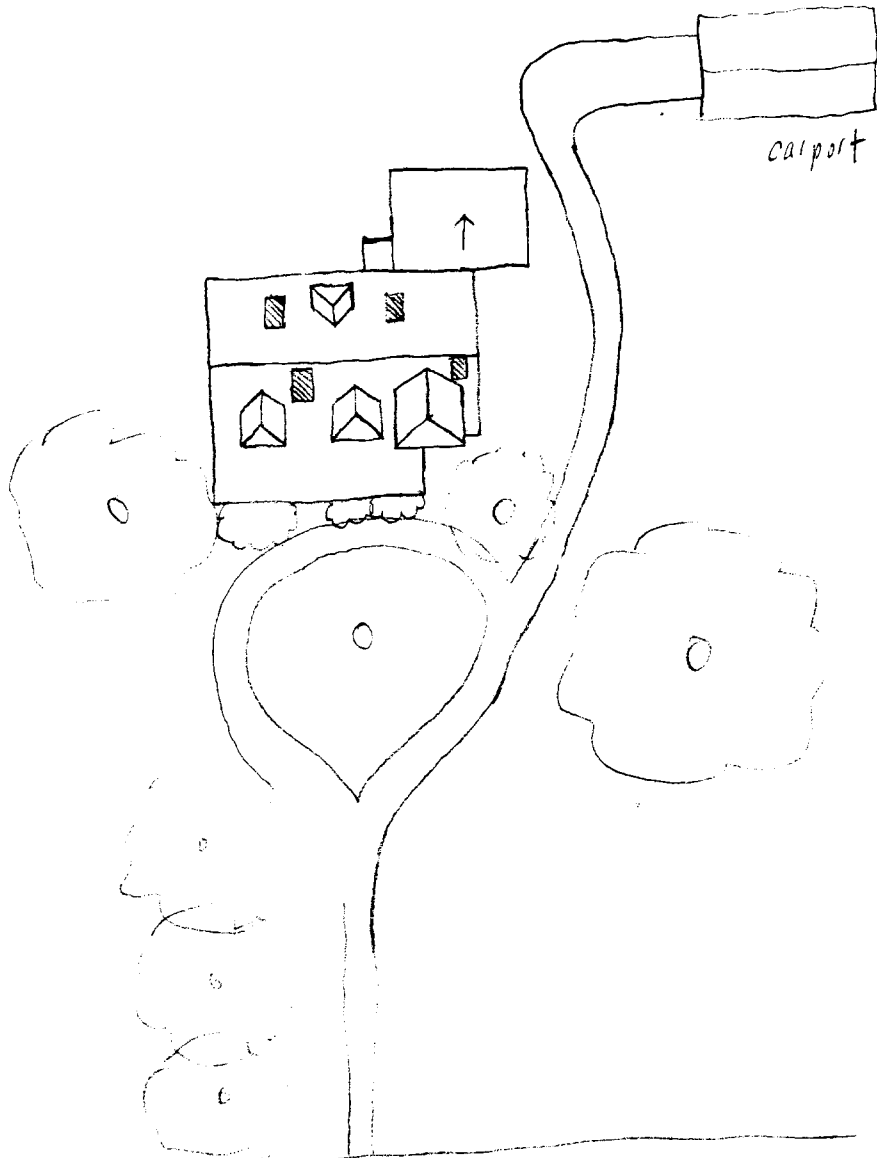
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Liber PCM 87 Folio 305

April 11, 1953: Everett B. and Ardessa L. Burroughs, Jr. to
Mathilde Owens
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 106 Folio 148

April 11, 1953: Mathilde Owens to Everett B. and Ardessa L.
Burroughs, Jr.
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 106 Folio 151



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Hawthorne Road

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Maryland

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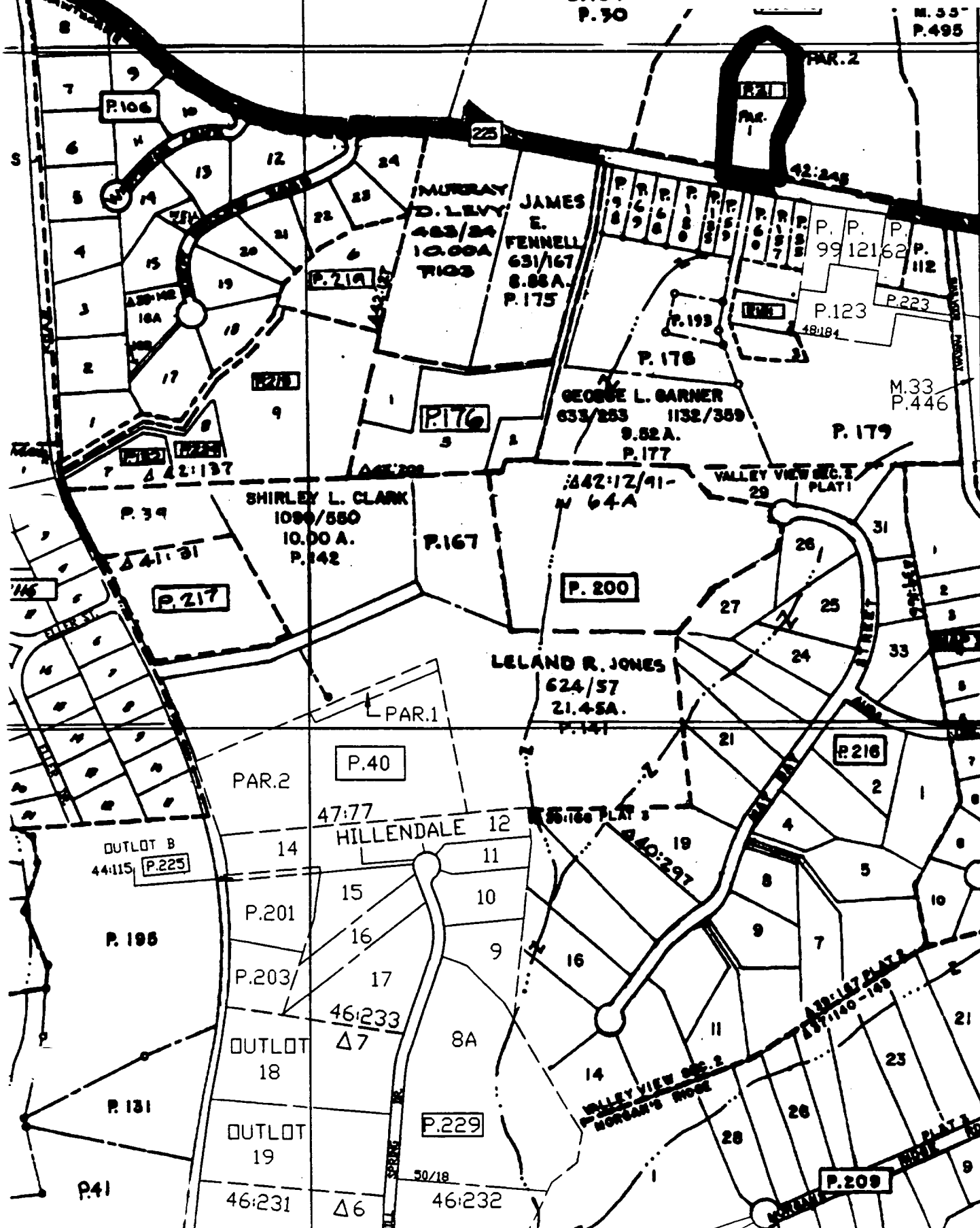
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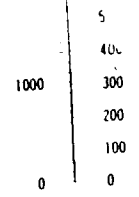
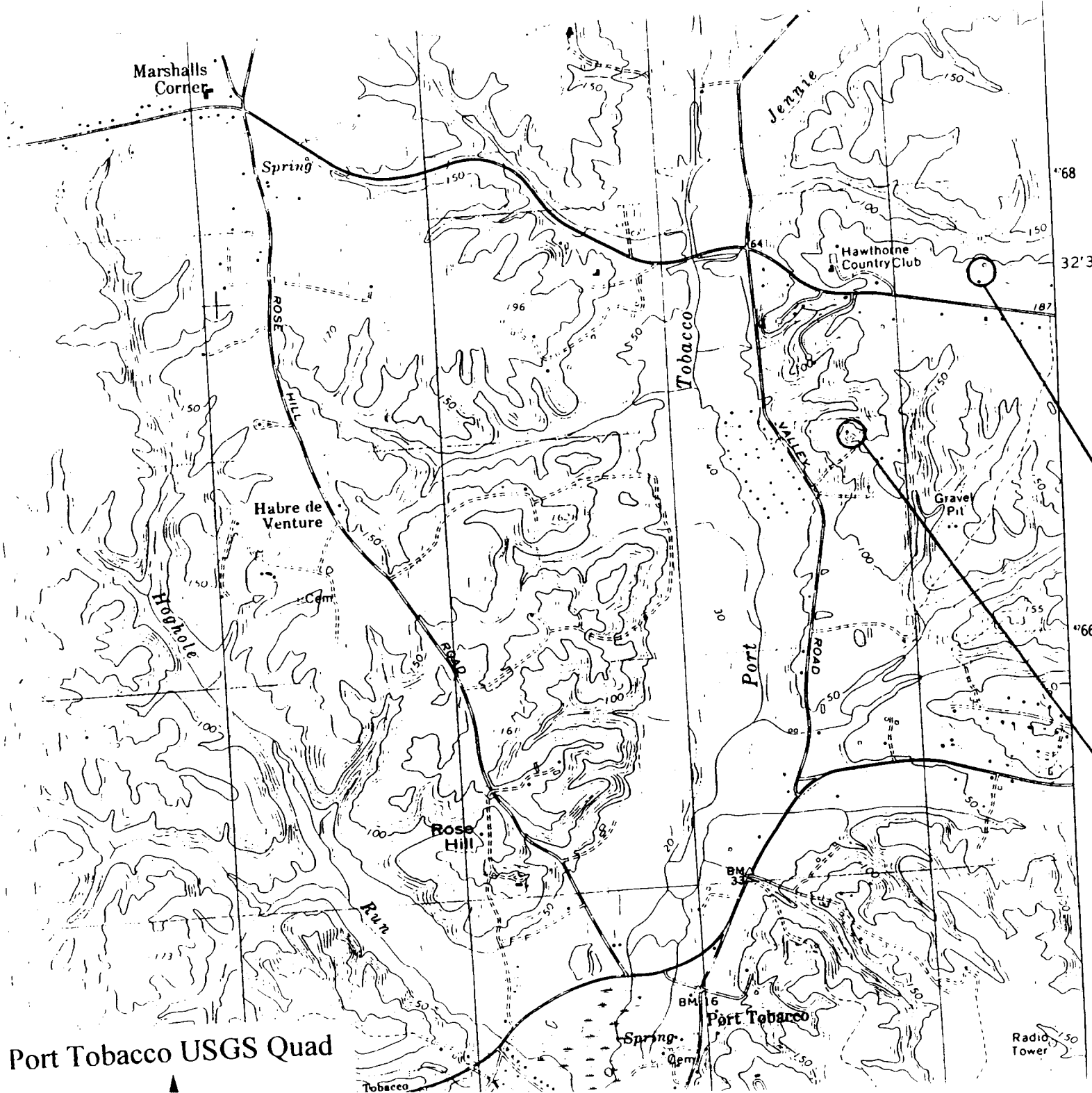
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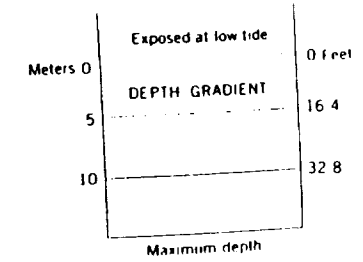


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multiply by 3048
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multiply by 32808

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